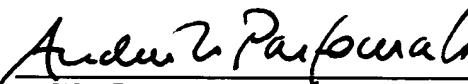


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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 10 May 2003 [10.05.2003]		
TITLE OF INVENTION WATER-SOFTENING PRODUCT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Fabio AMICONI, Fabio CORRADINI, Mike KOSUB		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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